The Government's concern about sale of Chinese arms to Pakistan was reiterated during the discussions. The Chinese Foreign Minister was of the view that the sale of Chinese arms would not undermine peace and stability in any region of the world.

Export of processed foods

1317. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the extent of exports of processed foods, excluding marine products, in 1993-94;

(b) whether the sources of such exports of processed foods have been identified State-wise; and

(c) if so, details of contribution of different States in export of processed foods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):

(a) As per the available information the export of processed foods including processed cereals (excluding marine products) in terms of Quantity and value were as under:—

	Qty. (MT)	Value (Rs. in crore)
1993-94	15,37,157	24,36,05

(b) and (c) The state-wise data of exports are not maintained in the Ministry.

Identification of procesed items for exports

1318. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified a number of processed items as thrust areas for exports;

(b) if so, what are these items, and

(c) what steps are being proposed to encourage such exports in 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Commerce has identified following products under extreme focus:

Processed mushrooms

Tomato paste

Tropical fruit, fruit juice, pulp and concentrates

Buffalo meat

Guar Gum and

Alcoholic beverages

Marine products

Long-grain rice

(c) To encourage exports, Government is providing financial/technical assistance for setting up of units and also for developmental activities including publicity, market promotion, quality control etc., besides simplifying export-import policies.

Institutes for trainining in food processing and preservation

1319. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any institute to train the youth in food processing and preservation;

(b) if so, the names of these institutes, with their locations;

(c) whether Government propose to set up new training institutes in 1994-95; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):

(a) to (d) Although the Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not

directly set up any institute to train the youth in Food Processing and Preservation, under the Plan Schemes, Ministry provides assistance for setting up of Food Processing and Training Centres (FPTCs) in rural areas. Under the Scheme so far assistance has been provided for setting up 140 FPTCs in various States, Statewise details of which are given at statement. (*See* below)

Statement

Details of Food Processing and Training Centres assisted so far.

S. No.	Name of the State	No. of FPTCs
1	Andhra Pradesh	1
2	Assam	15
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2
4	Bihar	11
5	Gujarat	3
6	Goa	1
7	Haryana	9
8	Himachal Pradesh	4
9	Jammu & Kashmir	6
10	Karnataka	4
11	Kerala	4
12	Maharashtra	3
13	Mizoram	7
14	Madhya Pradesh	2
15	Orissa	30
16	Rajasthan	2
17	Tamil Nadu	4
18	Tripura	2
19	Uttar Pradesh	21
20	West Bengal	9
	TOTAL	140

Slow growth in the marine fisheries sector

1320. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sector-wise growth in Food Processing Sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan, so far;

(b) whether growth in marine fisheries sector has been quite slow; and

(c) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Food Processing Industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors and information of all processed food industries is not maintained centrally. Food Processing Industries also cover various sectors. However, the growth rate of production in fruit and vegetable products was 30.28 per cent in the year 1992-93 and 23.66 per cent in the year 1993-94. During the same period Milk products in the organised sector grew at about 8.5 per cent and 8 per cent respectively. Growth rate of soft drinks at 9 per cent and that of beer averaged 10—15 per cent during the period. Although the overall growth of cocoa products grew by 0.25 per cent and 1.2 per cent during the period, growth of chocolate has been negative.

(b) The growth of marine fish production during the last three years is:

Year	percentage Annual Growth Rate
1991-92	6.39
1992-93	5.27
1993-94	4.43